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SUBJECT: U. S.- ISRAEL BINATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION -
FIRST SESSION OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. FIRST SESSION BNF BOARD OF GOVERNORS JUNE 25-26, 1973, MOST SUCCESSFUL UNDER EFFECTIVE CHAIRMANSHIP DR. H. GUYFORD STEVER WHO ELECTED CHAIRMAN BOARD OF GOVERNORS THROUGH END NEXT TWO- DAY SESSION SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 4-5, 1974. PROFESSOR ERNST D. BERGMANN ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN WITH UNDERSTANDING HE WOULD SUCCEED DR. STEVER AS CHAIRMAN END NEXT SESSION.

2. ATMOSPHERE OF SESSION CORDIAL, COOPERATIVE. THERE WAS FULL AND FREE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS FROM BOTH SIDES RESULTING IN MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION EACH OTHER'S POSITION.

3. BOARD AGREED DESIRABILITY FOUNDATION HAVE FULL TIME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BUT POSTPONED DEFINITIVE DECISION TO NEXT SESSION. IN INTERIM, BOARD APPROVED 9- MONTH APPOINTMENT ON PART- TIME BASIS OF DR. ELIEZER TAL, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND REQUESTED FOUR- MEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LOOK INTO MATTER AND RECOMMEND POSSIBLE FULL- TIME CANDIDATES NEXT SESSION BOARD.

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4. BOARD AGREED PRINCIPLE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHOULD BE U. S. CITIZEN.

5. BOARD APPROVED EXPENDITURE \$500 THOUSAND FOR PERIOD JULY 1- DECEMBER 31, 1973 SUPPORT THOSE ONGOING PL-480-SUPPORTED RESEARCH PROJECTS DUE TO TERMINATE JULY 1, 1973 DUE LACK OF FUNDS WHICH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECIDES ARE SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE CONTINUED AT LEAST UNTIL FIRST BNF RESEARCH PROGRAM APPROVED BY BOARD AT FEBRUARY 1974 SESSION.

6. BOARD AGREED THAT MEMBERS, ALTHOUGH SPEAKING IN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, WERE IN FACT REPRESENTING THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT THE EMBASSY'S SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE WOULD SERVE AS LIAISON OFFICER FOR AMERICAN BOARD MEMBERS WITH BNF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ISRAELI BOARD MEMBERS AND APPROPRIATE GOI AGENCIES, AND THAT THE ISRAELI SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON WOULD IN TURN SERVE AS LIAISON OFFICER FOR ISRAELI BOARD MEMBERS WITH AMERICAN BOARD MEMBERS AND APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.
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